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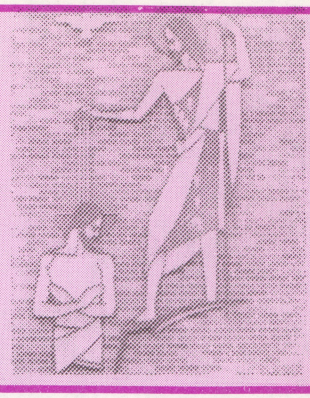

A TIME TO: RENEW COVENANT and WELCOME HOME

For the past few Sundays I have been writing these Lenten articles to help further explain the thrust of this year's lenten readings and program, to explore the ideas and implications of 'covenant' and to offer some practical ways to make this covenant real and liveable in our day to day lives.

Today's liturgy and its readings are probably some of the most difficult to really absorb. I'm sure we will all make sense of the words but to listen with our heart and let it be heard with our human self may be a lot more difficult. Wouldn't it be nice if we could always be 100% in everything? Wouldn't it be terrific if we always did what we said or believed or hoped we would? Our biggest drawback and our **greatest** asset is the simple fact that **we are human.** Paul says in the second reading today that "we are the handiwork of God"; but we know that handiwork to be frail and weak, failing and insecure, fragile and broken. There are I think two consoling thoughts from today's liturgy that can help us to put our humanness into perspective. One is that we are **all** human and therefore we all share the same brokenness. What we can do to help ourselves become more whole is to **support** each other in our weakness, to recognize we all need the smile, the word of encouragement, the helping hand, the **real love** of others and they need the **very same** from us. A tall order??? Yes! but essential for each of us to survive.

The second thought is so simple we can miss it and so profound that a sledge hammer over the head sometimes doesn't even help! Here it is. **God loves us.** "So what," you say, **"I know that!"** Do you really? Do you really believe it as you might believe that you are really worth something? We are God's handiwork and Paul says **we did nothing to earn this.** Not only did we do nothing, but **we can do nothing** to earn this. God has no merit system, He just loves individually and wholly. Challenging isn't it? God's love is pure gift, gratuitously given, never earned and given for no reason except that of **love.** Simple? Yes. Profound? Overwhelming!!

My Lenten suggestion for this week is very simple: why not come to the Open House today with someone else who is frail and broken also. Your word, your support, your own humanness might be the one thing that will help to heal the fear, the brokenness. I have a second suggestion: spend 20 minutes this week reflecting on the question, **What does God think of me?** Part of the answer is found in today's gospel. He thinks so much of me that He gave His **only** son so that we might know His love and walk in the light - human, fully human and whole.

Senior Citizens News

Leisure Club Plans Trip

The members of St. John's Senior Citizen Group, the Leisure Club, invites all Seniors who wish to participate in a tour of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit to let us know of this desire by calling 483-3360. We must let Father Terry Kerner know by Wednesday how many to expect so that he can make plans for the tour and refreshments following. Mr. Gene Galley of our parish will also be meeting with the group when he is not in class. Please register soon so we know if the trip is on!

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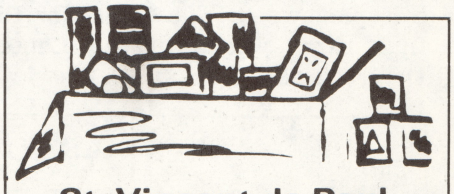
If any other parishioners are interested in the tour and wish to offer transportation, we will be glad to accept the offer.

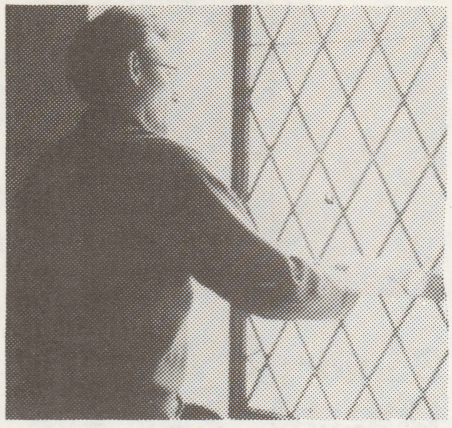


St. Vincent de Paul Foods/Donations

Taken at all Masses next weekend. Please be generous.

Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey



It's spring time! - out of doors and inside of St. John Church. The redecoration job is in its final stages. One of the painters from B/C Contractors (pict.) trims a window frame in the church, signalling the completion stage of the interior repainting. All church pews will be rubbed down and a finish coat of varnish will be applied.

Mrs. Bea Byrd, a parishioner of our parish, offered a helping hand with the cleaning and oiling of the Stations of the Cross before they were rehung in the church nave.

Not only is the painting project progressing nicely but so is the Parish Improvement Drive. Forty-two new responses were received this past week. The totals for the first three weeks of the Lenten Drive are as follows:

Total cash received	$9,725.75
Outstanding pledges	$9,103.50
Total responses	372

I would hope that many more parishioners find it possible to become involved in the Parish Improvement Drive. The repainting of the church is only part of the capital improvements we hope to accomplish with your extra assistance. The parish facility belongs to all of us and its maintenance must be equally shared.

Open House Today

We open our doors and our hearts to those who participate in this Sunday's Open House. The Open House is being held in conjunction with our Lenten Program: "A Time to Renew Covenant and Welcome Home." The Open House provides an appropriate occasion for introducing friends to our parish community and of re-introducing our brothers and sisters who have absented themselves from our parish. The Parish Team, the Parish Council and the Council's Commissions will be represented in all areas of our parish facilities to greet guests and talk with them. Tours will be conducted from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. this Sunday concluding with refreshments in the church hall.

Communal Penance

A Lenten communal penance service is slated for Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Additional priests will be here to assist with individual confessions. Since the Penance Service will be the major opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter time, I hope everyone makes a special effort to be present for the service.

Confirmation Candidates

High School students continue their program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated here April 26, 1979 by Bishop Povish. As part of the preparation, all students are invited to attend the Chrism Mass to be celebrated in the Cathedral on Holy Thursday. Transportation will be provided. During the Chrism Mass celebrated by Bishop Povish and concelebrated by all the priests of the Diocese, the holy oils which are administered during sacramental celebrations are blessed. The oil of Sacred Chrism, one of the three oils blessed that day, will be the Sacred Chrism with which each Confirmation candidate will be signed and anointed when Bishop Povish confirms here next month.

Adult members of our parish who plan to be confirmed here in April are reminded of the two preparational meetings to be held beginning this coming Wednesday evening, March 28, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the Education Center Library. The second meeting is slated for the following Wednesday, April 4, 1979. The adult candidates are also invited to attend the Chrism Mass if they are able to do so.

Religious Education

High School Workshop

There will be a high school religious education workshop on Sunday, April 1 at St. Thomas from 6:30 until 9:00 p.m. This workshop is entitled, "Fools for the sake of Christ." Register by phone in advance (483-6396) or at the door.

Reminder:

There will be a retreat this coming Saturday, March 31, for all the students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This retreat will run from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and lunch will be provided.

Smorgasbord Dinner
Sunday, March 25

11:30 - 4:30

Immaculate Conception Church, (corner of North & Ann St.) Milan. Adults: $3.75, Children: $1.75, Under 5 - Free.

Seder Meal

The traditional Seder Meal will be held again this year on Wednesday, April 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. This meal links the Promise of the Old Testament with the Fulfillment of the New. The good things from God, light, bread, wine and freedom are recognized in this meal. The cost of tickets again this year will be $3.00 for adults and $1.00 for children and will be on sale next weekend in the Church Hall.

... Coming Soon ...
Paper Drive
St. John Parking Lot
April 28-29

Do You Have Some Time?

Over the past five or more years, women from St. John Parish have been attending Mass at 2:30 on Monday afternoons at Parkview Convalescent Home. They come around 2:00 p.m. and help bring the mobile patients to the chapel where they visit with them and attend Mass with them, helping them find the correct hymns and prayers in the Mass books.

This has been a special blessing for the women as well as the patients and a way of helping others while being able to attend an extra Mass each week. However, there is need for many more women because so many of the patients need personal attention in getting on the elevator and walking slowly down halls, etc. Won't you look at your schedule and see if you can fit in some time on Mondays? It will be greatly appreciated because when one woman is missing now, it means double work for someone else as we have no substitutes on the list. Perhaps you could come for a few weeks and then make a decision. You will find that it is one of the more fruitful areas of aid through the Service Commission.

Worth Noting

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, March 25
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts
10:00 - 11:30 a.m. High School Religious Education
11:00 a.m. Preschool Classes
11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Open House

Monday, March 26
9:00 a.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
4:30 p.m. Team Liturgy Planning
7:30 p.m. Worship Commission meets Rectory Meeting Rm.
7:30 p.m. Education Commission meets Activity Center, 2nd. floor
8:00 p.m. Service Commission meets Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 27
4:00 - 5:15 Religious Education Grades 1-8
Penance Services Grades 5-8
7:00 - 8:15 Religious Education Junior High School
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Convert Class, Activity Center
SPRED Program, Center
7:30 p.m. Festival Committee Meeting - Hall

Wednesday, March 28
Bulletin goes to press a.m.
1:00 p.m. Washtenaw Catholic Senior Citizens' Board - St. Francis Parish
4:30 - 5:45 Religious Education Grades 1-6
Penance Services 5 & 6
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Loft
7:30 p.m. High School Home Group
7:30 p.m. Adult Confirmation Meeting - Library

Thursday, March 29
10:00 a.m. Scripture Class, Library
Fr. Delaney
12:30 p.m. Leisure Club leaves parking lot for tour of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Passion Enactment - Church
7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul sponsored Social Agency Meeting

Friday, March 30
7:30 p.m. Baptism Class, Center Library
7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

Saturday, March 31
10:00 a.m. Handbell Practice
11:00 a.m. Cantor Practice
3:30 - 4:30 Confessions heard
11:00 -2:00 Penance Retreat

Sunday, April 1
6:30 - 9:15 p.m. High School Workshop at St. Thomas

Passion Enactment

Rehearsals will be on:

Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 6 after the Stations, 8:30 p.m.

There will be five times the Passion will be enacted:

Saturday, April 7: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 8: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13: 1:30 p.m.

New Life In Christ

On Saturday, March 17, 1979 **Amanda Marie Kingsley** received the new life of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered by Fr. Doepker.

Amanda is the daughter of Kenneth E. and Elizabeth A. (Buczkowski) Kingsley, 5675 New Meadow Drive. Her sponsors in the faith were Walter and Joan Glinski.

Welcome, Amanda! May you keep the flame of faith alive in your heart always!

Letter Received ...

Felix and Mae Barnett (Sister Marilyn's parents) would like to express their sincere thanks to all the members of St. John's community for their prayers, cards, and good wishes over the past seven weeks. Felix is home now but will be returning to the hospital for treatments. Your continued prayers would be greatly appreciated.

Gratefully,
Felix and Mae

Coffee and Donut Helpers

We have quite a list of families who have been helping with weekly Coffee and Donuts faithfully for many years. One such family is Jim and Joan Pryce and their children, Jim, John, Joe and Kathy, who have been with this service almost since the beginning. For many reasons they will not be able to help the rest of this year so we have a need for a family who is looking for an area to work together or several single people, on the **first Sunday monthly at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** We all enjoy coffee and donuts but the service is only available because someone offers to help ... have you thought that perhaps this might be where you would like to put your energies? We would be most happy to accept any offers. Call Moormans at 482-8642 to make the offer (or Sister Carol, 483-3360).

Thank you Pryce family for all of your faithful work with Coffee & Donuts.

Readings for March 25th - April 1st

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-17, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-3, 5-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Intercessory Prayer

Hear our cry, O God, listen to our prayers. From the ends of the earth we call to thee. When our hearts are faint, lead thou us to the rock that is higher than us, for thou art our refuge, a strong tower against the enemy. Let us dwell in thy tent forever! Oh to be safe under the shelter of thy wings. For thou, O God, hast heard our vows, thou hast given us the heritage of those who fear thy name. Blessed be God.

O God, you loved us so much that you gave your only son, that by believing in Him we may not die, but have life eternal. We believe that you did not send your Son to condemn us, but that we might be saved through him. We no longer walk in darkness because we follow your Son, Jesus, the light of life. As we continue our journey through the Lenten Season, let us not forget our covenant with you. That through prayer and sharing our lives together we may grow into a strong people, a faithful people, God's chosen people.

Lord, remember our parish team. Give them strength and wisdom as they lead your people.

Lord, remember our sick. Create a miracle of healing in our parish. Touch them, Lord. Heal their hurts and sickness.

Lord, remember Christopher, Jack, and Brian who now experience new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism. May they remain clean as they serve you through life.

Lord, remember our prayer groups. Let all of us be serious as we come before the Lord in worship and in sharings. Bless our prayer groups, Lord.

Lord, bless our Parish Activities Groups for their constant services.

Lord, remember those taking part in the passion enactment, that through them your word may come to all of us in power and glory to your holy name.

Lord, bless our Youth Group ... may they be ever encouraged.

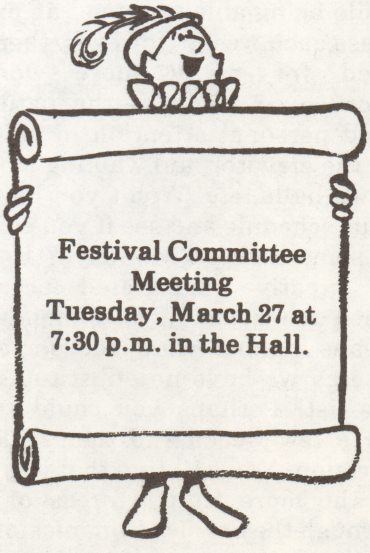
Lord, may we be receptive to the information presented by the Service Commission and make a good decision on the Nestle Boycott.

Lord, God, accept our prayers of thanksgiving for your beloved Son, our Savior and Lord. As we during this Lenten Season, recall his sacred passion, sent the Spirit of Christ into our hearts, we beg you, so that whether we pray or work we might do all in union with Christ our Redeemer. And may your grace and peace be upon all of us now and forever.

Praise Jesus
David Rocha

4th Lent: March 25, 1979

Nobody warns, "So many shopping days to Easter!"
No costly gifts, no monetary loss.
Easter seems too easy.
It is — if you forget the cross.



Washtenaw Association For Retarded Citizens

Within the spirit of human rights, of civil rights, and non-discrimination there is an organization in Washtenaw County that speaks for a group of citizens who cannot speak effectively for themselves.

WARC acts on the behalf of mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and dyslexia by helping to normalize their environment and by being supportive to parents and families.

In order to have a stronger voice, WARC needs your moral support and your financial support. With $10.00, a yearly membership in WARC is available both state & national. You will receive information on monies spent and updating your knowledge of disabilities.

WARC is located at 3650 Carpenter Rd. or call 971-5491 for further information.

Washtenaw County, The Year of the Child, and You - 1979

This endeavor is aimed at improving health and well-being of one of the world's most valuable - and vulnerable - resources, our children. In Washtenaw County, it happens that the Probate Court's Juvenile Division is launching some new ventures to improve the welfare and social responsibility potential of area adolescents.

The Court's Volunteer Services Coordinator has the task of finding and assisting special volunteers to work with foster parents who typically would be on call for one day a week to spend time with the foster child when the foster parents (who are providing temporary care) may be ill or otherwise occupied. Volunteers will be trained and aided by Court and C.O.P.E. staff. Interested persons should seek more information from Stan Harbison at 994-1794.

Invitations ...

• **Benefit Bingo** for Holy Trinity Chapel will be held on Sunday, March 25 "to keep the Chapel solvent." The Bingo will be held at St. Alexis Hall, 1725 E. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

• **Open House** - St. Thomas Grade School (K-8), Ann Arbor, is having an Open House Tuesday, March 27, 1979 from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The evening will begin in the Parish Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Take this opportunity to see displays of students' work, art projects, and listen to our newly formed Chorus group.

Become familiar with our school facilities and the opportunities St. Thomas has to offer.

Why not make an evening of it -- Everyone is welcomed -- bring your friends.

Refreshments will be served.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, March 26 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Henry Gladding, IV., req. by F. Matylinski
2:30 p.m. Matthew Stein, req. by Bill and Pat Huston and Patrick

TUESDAY, March 27 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Vera Heim (2nd Anniv.), req. by Father Harvey
5:30 p.m. Richard Steeby, req. by Art and Doris Lockton

WEDNESDAY, March 28 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Elsie Paffel, req. by Senior Citizens of Recreation Center
9:00 a.m. Arthur Chevalier, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wood

THURSDAY, March 29 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Bonnie J. Calder (1st Anniv.), req. by The Charles Hines Family
5:30 p.m. Clara LeFevre (8th Anniv.), req. by the family

FRIDAY, March 30 - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Irene E. Hines (1st Anniv.), req. by The Charles Hines Family
7:30 p.m. Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, March 31 - Lenten Weekday
9:00 a.m. Thomas Monaghan, req. by Betty Jean & Kathleen Schuch
5:00 p.m. Arthur Chevalier, req. by Mrs. Omer Desrosiers

SUNDAY, April 1 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
7:00 a.m. Staff Sgt. Andre Laberge, req. by Mom and Dad
9:00 a.m. Don Gillette (7th Anniv.), req. by Irene Gillette
11:00 a.m. Nathan Racine, req. by Robert and Judith Racine
12:30 p.m. Intention of Parishioners

Financial Barometer

March 18, 1979
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Wedding Banns

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